

Docket No. AT9-99-174

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5      **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CAPTURING AND STORING SYSTEM CHANGES  
FOR APPLICATION TO MULTIPLE USERS AND SYSTEMS IN A  
HETEROGENEOUS SERVER ENVIRONMENT**

10      A method and system for capturing and storing system  
changes for application to multiple users and systems in  
a heterogeneous server environment is provided. A data  
processing system is initialized for a capture of an  
initial state of the data processing system. The data  
processing system is modified. The modified state of the  
data processing system is captured. The differences  
15      between the initial state and the modified state are  
stored as a set of configuration parameters in a  
depository, and the set of configuration parameters may  
be used to manage configurability of a data processing  
system within the distributed data processing system.